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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Tajikistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

Croatia (S/1998/1004)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1998/1038)*

Other matters

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Second segment

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.185/1, A/CONF.182/ 2, A/53/226/Add.2)
2. Adoption of the report (A/CONF.185/L.1)
3. Closure of the Conference segment

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

1. Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Özügergin (Turkey), on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.7 (Sectoral policy questions) (item 92 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.23 (Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (item 97); A/C.2/53/L.24 (United Nations University) (item 96 (a))
2. Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Agona (Uganda), on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.3 (Macroeconomic policy questions (item 91(b)); A/C.2/53/L.4 (Macroeconomic policy questions (item 91 (b)); and A/C.2/53/L.20 (Macroeconomic policy questions (item 91))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/53/557*, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9, A/C.3/53/12*)

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* To be issued.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539*, A/53/563*, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introduction and general discussion

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons

Special Rapporteur of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda

Special Rapporteur on Torture

Statement on behalf of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1, L.24 and L.25

3. Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (a)]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/53/L.21 to L.23

4. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/53/557*, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9, A/C.3/53/12*)

   Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

   Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539*, A/53/563*, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

   Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

   Continuation of general discussion

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.15

6. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.19 and L.20

7. Rights of peoples to self-determination [109]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.16 and L.17

* To be issued.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the United Nations Decade of International Law

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Results-based budgeting
2. Draft reports
3. Executive session on the Joint Inspection Unit: United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations *today*, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-President of the Council, the Working Group of the Economic and Social Council on the allocation of seats to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme will meet *today*, 5 November 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Room C-209B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 5 November 1998

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 113: Development Account; item 92 (a): Business and Development (A/C.2/53/L.7); and item 98 (b): United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (b): Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: *today*, 5 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of likely co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (agenda item 110 (c)) *today*, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Please reply to 415-4274.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World : The Need for a New Agenda" (A/C.1/53/L.48) *today*, 5 November 1998, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefing

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) *today*, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) *today*, 5 November 1998, and on Friday, 6 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 6 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Monday, 9 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussions

A panel discussion on "Is there a Third Way: States and Markets in Socio-economic Development" will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The panellists are Professor Giddens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Chief Adviser to H.E. Mr. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, intellectual architect of the "Third Way" concept; Mr. Jacques Baudot of France, member of the Copenhagen Seminars on Social Policy; Professor Linda Lim of Singapore, Professor of Economics at the School of Business of Michigan University; and Mr. Kwame Pianim of Ghana, Chief Executive Officer, New Word Investment Ltd. (Ghana). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing

H.E. Mr. Poul Nielson, Minister for Development, Denmark, Mr. Kwame Pianim, Economist (Ghana) and Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University (United States), will brief the Committee on "The Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress: Denmark's contribution to the discussion on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements on Friday, 6 November 1998, by the Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of likely co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in Croatia and in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (agenda item 110 (c)) on Friday, 6 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Please reply to 415-4274

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Briefings

Ms. Pirkko Kourula, Head, Inter-Organization Affairs and Secretariat Services, UNHCR Headquarters, will hold a briefing for Member States on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the General Assembly on Friday, 6 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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In conjunction with agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), there will be a briefing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on Monday, 9 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of UNESCO's Unit for Cooperation with Africa (on "UNESCO's New Partnerships in Africa"); Mr. Wataru Nishigahiro, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (on the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)); Dr. Nigel Gibson, Deputy Director, Columbia University's Institute for African Studies (on "Reassessing Africa on the Verge of the 21st century"); and Mr. Daouda Touré, Special Policy Adviser, United Nations Special Initiative on Africa (UNDP) (who will provide an overview of the Special Initiative). A discussion will follow. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Hens-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Rom A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Note: The summary of the 21st meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/214).

Tuesday, 3 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 22nd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/214).

Wednesday, 4 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

53rd plenary meeting

Dialogue among civilizations: draft resolution (A/53/L.23/Rev.1) [168]

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.23/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Egypt, Cyprus, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Malaysia, India, the Syrian Arab Republic and Solomon Islands.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.23/Rev.1 (resolution 53/22).

The representative of New Zealand made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 168.

Programme of work

The General Assembly's attention was drawn to document A/INF/53/3/Add.3 which contains a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings from 10 November to 10 December 1998.

The Assembly was informed of the following:

Agenda item 59 (Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters) originally scheduled for Tuesday, 10 November 1998, would be considered on Thursday, 19 November 1998, in the afternoon;

Agenda item 44 (The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development) originally scheduled for Thursday, 19 November 1998, would be considered on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, in the morning;

On Tuesday, 10 November 1998, under agenda item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Assembly would consider a draft resolution on the international year of mountains to be issued on 6 November 1998 as document A/53/L.24;

On Wednesday, 18 November 1998, in the afternoon, the Assembly would be expected to consider, under agenda item 30 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals), the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463);

On Wednesday, 25 November 1998, in the morning, the Assembly would consider agenda item 58 (Strengthening of the United Nations system) together with agenda item 60 (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly); the Assembly is expected to consider at that meeting, the report of the Secretary-General on arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the United Nations system (A/53/170).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 23rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 23rd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/214).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 16th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [85]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Kenya, Ukraine, Slovakia, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Angola.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.8 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 85.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 34th meeting

Training and research [96]

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The Committee began consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of UNITAR.

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), Chairman of the Board of Trustees of UNITAR.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania and Slovakia), and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Norway, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Switzerland, Japan, Israel, Australia, Papua New Guinea and Haiti.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 96 (b).

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 98 would be on Thursday, 5 November, at 1 p.m. and that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda items 91(a) and 96 (b) would be on Friday, 6 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 33rd meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States, India, China, Norway and Germany made statements.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq, Mr. Max van der Stoel, made a presentation.

The representatives of Iraq, Kuwait and Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance, Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, made a presentation.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Turkey made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mr. Roberto Garretón, made a presentation.

34th meeting

The Committee continued it consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e) and the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Zimbabwe and Uganda made statements in response tot he presentation of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of the Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah, made a presentation.

The representatives of Myanmar, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria, Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee, made a presentation.

The representatives of Nigeria and Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights on Haiti, Mr. Adama Dieng, made a presentation.

The representatives of Haiti, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Execution, Ms. Asma Jahangir, made a presentation.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Belgium, Turkey and Colombia made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 19th meeting

United Nations common system [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Japan and the Russian Federation.

United Nations pension system [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Other matters

The representative of Japan made a statement in connection with the documents listed under agenda item 119 (Human resources management).

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba regarding a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/414, the Chairman informed the Committee that the question had been raised with the Advisory Committee.

The representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom made statements.

The Chairman informed the Committee of a letter received from the representative of Costa Rica seeking the views of the Office of Legal Affairs on questions under item 118.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement in this connection.

The representative of Ireland, Coordinator of informal consultations under agenda item 118, made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malawi, France, Portugal, Viet Nam, Guatemala, Ireland, Bulgaria and Algeria. The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. Vaclav Mikulka, commented on the observations made by delegations on the topic concerning nationality in relation to Succession of States.

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. Alain Pellet, commented on the observations made by delegations on the topic concerning reservations to treaties.

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1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES — 1st meeting

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs declared open the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities and invited the Conference to proceed to the election of its President.

Election of officers of the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities

H.E. Mr. Sotirious Zackheos (Cyprus) was elected as President and H.E. Mr. Gian Nicola Filippi Balestra (San Marino) as Vice-President, by acclamation.

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE — 240th meeting

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/1998/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Belarus, as well as by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER 1998

1718th and 1719th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Austria (CCPR/ C/83/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

The Committee then examined concluding observations in closed session.

MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 1998

1720th and 1721st (closed) meetings

The Committee considered concluding observations on the examination of State party reports in closed session.

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1998

1722nd and 1723rd (closed) meetings

The Committee considered communications under the Optional Protocol in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Côte d'Ivoire (4 November 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 5 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 6 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Croatia (S/1998/1004)*

Other matters

Afternoon**	3940th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

   Letter dated 3 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1028)

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the 3940th meeting.

** To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1391st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (a) Trade and Development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.26

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [93]

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.31

3. Environment and sustainable development [94]

   (a) Implementation of the follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.25

   (d) Convention on biological diversity

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.29

4. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.27

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.17 (Implementing conventions related to environment (item 94)); A/C.2/53/L.18 (International Year of Microcredit (item 98); and A/C.2/53/L.21 (United Nations Environment Programme (item 94))

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* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.26

2. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497-S/1998/951, A/53/557*, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9, A/C.3/53/12, A/C.3/53/13)

   Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

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* To be issued.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539, A/53/563, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introduction and continuation of general discussion

Introductory statements by:

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia

Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Statement on behalf of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/101 and A/C.5/53/5)

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/53/102 and A/C.5/53/6)

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/53/103 and A/C.5/53/7)

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/53/104 and A/C.5/53/8)

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/53/105 and A/C.5/53/9)

(f) International Civil Service Commission

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission (A/53/106 and A/C.5/53/10)

(ii) Designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission (A/C.5/53/10/Add.1)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [120] (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811 and A/C.5/53/27)

Continuation of general discussion

2. United Nations pension system [121] (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/18 and A/53/511)

Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

11.30 a.m. 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the International Law Commission (agenda item 150)

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the implementation of the provisions of the Charter relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the United Nations Decade of International Law

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 6 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 93 (c): Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat); item 113: Development Account; 91 (a): Transit environment in the land-locked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

Morning*-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the First Committee.

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) will continue its French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York *today*, 6 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of likely co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Croatia and in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (agenda item 110 (c)) *today*, 6 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Please reply to 415-4274.

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A meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42 entitled "Nuclear disarmament with a view to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held *today*, 6 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

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Briefing

Ms. Pirkko Kourula, Head, Inter-Organization Affairs and Secretariat Services, UNHCR Headquarters, will hold a briefing for Member States on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the General Assembly *today*, 6 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA) will be held *today*, 6 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 9 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Monday, 9 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Is there a Third Way: States and Markets in Socio-economic Development" will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The panellists are Professor Giddens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Chief Adviser to H.E. Mr. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, intellectual architect of the "Third Way" concept; Mr. Jacques Baudot of France, member of the Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress; Professor Linda Lim of Singapore, Professor of Economics at the School of Business of Michigan University; and Mr. Kwame Pianim of Ghana, Chief Executive Officer, New Word Investment Ltd. (Ghana). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing

H.E. Mr. Poul Nielson, Minister for Development Cooperation, Denmark, Mr. Kwame Pianim, Economist (Ghana) and Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University (United States), will brief the Committee on "The Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress: Denmark's contribution to the discussion on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Copies of the revised text of the draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the session of the Commission acting as preparatory body for the high-level plenary review in the year 2000 (March 1999). Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Monday, 16 November 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Briefing

In conjunction with agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), there will be a briefing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on Monday, 9 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of UNESCO's Unit for Cooperation with Africa (on "UNESCO's New Partnerships in Africa"); Mr. Wataru Nishigahiro, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (on the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)); Dr. Nigel Gibson, Deputy Director, Columbia University's Institute for African Studies (on "Reassessing Africa on the Verge of the 21st century"); and Mr. Daouda Touré, Senior Policy Adviser, United Nations Special Initiative on Africa (UNDP) (who will provide an overview of the Special Initiative). A discussion will follow. Emmanual Goued Njayick, Principal Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL), will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on Tuesday, 11 November 1998, and on Thursday, 13 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Rom A.

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Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Rom A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 21st meeting

Thematic discussion and introduction and consideration of draft resolutions

The representative of Myanmar introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.47.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan and Philippines.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.16.

Statements were made by the representatives of China and South Africa.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.21/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Israel.

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.28.

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.25.

A statement was made by the representative of Ecuador, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group.

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.50.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, on behalf of the European Union, and Chile.

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.26.

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.27.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Pakistan and South Africa.

The representative of Mali introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.7.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.35.

The representative of Belarus introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.23.

Statements were made by the representatives of Poland, on behalf of 12 Central and Eastern European States, and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Statements were made by the representative of the Philippines on draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.48, L.45, L.10, L.37, L.22, L.13, L.33 and L.41.

A statement was made by the representative of Germany on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13.

Statements were made by the representative of Peru on draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.13, L.20/Rev.1 and L.33.

A statement was made by the representative of Viet Nam on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.47.

Statements were made by the representative of Nepal on draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.13 and L.41.

A statement was made by the representative of Brazil, on behalf of the MERCOSUR States, on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.20/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and South Africa on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.49.

A statement was made by the representative of Liechtenstein on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.44.

Tuesday, 3 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

The representative of Japan introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13/Rev.1.

The First Committee took action on draft resolutions.

The preambular paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.14 was adopted by 72 votes to 38, with 18 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 82 to 37, with 20 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.19 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.6/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.9 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.28 by 136 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.38/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.41/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.34 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.35 by 129 votes to 2, with one abstention.

Wednesday, 4 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 23rd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/215).

Thursday, 5 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3939th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Letter dated 31 October 1998 from the Deputy Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b)(i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1023)

Letter dated 2 November 1998 from the Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b)(i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1032)

Letter dated 3 November 1998 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1033)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1038, which had been submitted by Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Brazil, Costa Rica, France, Portugal, Slovenia and Sweden joined as sponsors of the draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1038.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1038).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, France, Slovenia, the Russian Federation, Portugal, Sweden, Brazil, Kenya, Bahrain, Costa Rica, the Gambia, Gabon and China.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1038) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1205 (1998).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representative of the United Kingdom, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United States.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Note: The summary of the 24th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/215).

THIRD COMMITTEE — 35th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e).

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons, Mr. Francis Deng, made a presentation.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in response to the presentation of the Special Representative.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Mr. Jiri Dienstbier, made a presentation.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Croatia, Albania, Turkey, the United States and the Russian Federation made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda, Mr. Michel Moussali, made a presentation.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Rwanda and the United States made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Representative.

The Special Rapporteur on Torture, Mr. Nigel Rodley, made a presentation.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Cuba and Denmark made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a presentation on behalf of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi.

The representative of Burundi made a statement.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Croatia, Kenya and Bangladesh.

36th meeting

Note: The summary of the 36th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/215).

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 21st and 22nd meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Bahrain, Italy, India, China, Japan, Egypt, Australia, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Slovakia, Greece, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Korea.

The Special Rapporteur, Prof. James Crawford, commented on the observations made by delegations on the topic concerning State responsibility.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made a closing statement.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the item.

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1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES — 2nd meeting

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

The Secretary made a statement.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted the draft report contained in document A/CONF.185/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Director, Programme Funding Office of UNICEF, made a concluding statement.

The Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made a concluding statement.

The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme made a concluding statement.

The President made concluding remarks.

The President declared the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities closed.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 1998

1724th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the draft general comment on Article 12.

1725th (closed) meeting

The Committee considered concluding observations on the examination of State party reports in closed session.

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1998

1726th and 1727th (closed) meetings

The Committee considered concluding observations on the examination of State party reports in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. Vienna, 24 April 1963

Accession: Qatar (4 November 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Antigua and Barbuda (3 November 1998)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Acceptance: China (4 November 1998)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Acceptance: China (4 November 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 9 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark).

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and other in conflict situations".

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83] (A/53/13, A/53/471, A/53/472, A/53/518 and Corr.1, A/53/551, A/53/569, A/53/644)

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497-S/1998/951, A/53/557, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9, A/C.3/53/12, A/C.3/53/13)

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322 and Add.1, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423 and Corr.1, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539, A/53/563, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))

3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3

Human resources management [119] (A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/ 53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502, A/53/526, A/53/548 and A/C.5/53/L.3)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

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* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [148] (A/53/274 and Add.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA)
2. The situation in Central America
3. Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 9 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 113: Development Account; 93(c): Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; and 91 (a): Transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (b): Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 95: Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations (A/C.2/53/L.8))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Briefing

In conjunction with agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), there will be a briefing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on Monday, 9 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of UNESCO's Unit for Cooperation with Africa (on "UNESCO's New Partnerships in Africa"); Mr. Wataru Nishigahiro, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (on the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)); Dr. Nigel Gibson, Deputy Director, Columbia University's Institute for African Studies (on "Reassessing Africa on the Verge of the 21st century"); and Mr. Daouda Touré, Senior Policy Adviser, United Nations Special Initiative on Africa (UNDP) (who will provide an overview of the Special Initiative). A discussion will follow. Emmanual Goued Njayick, Principal Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL), will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on Monday, 9 November 1998, and on Wednesday, 11 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) will be held on Monday, 9 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. — 54th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/556) [3].

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolution (A/53/L.24) [12].

3. Culture of peace [31]:

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (A/53/370 and Add. 1 and 2*);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.25).

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	36th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussions

A panel discussion on "Is there a Third Way: States and Markets in Socio-economic Development" will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The panellists are Professor Anthony Giddens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Chief Adviser to H.E. Mr. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, intellectual architect of the "Third Way" concept; Mr. Jacques Baudot of France, member of the Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress; Professor Linda Lim of Singapore, Professor of Economics at the School of Business of Michigan University; and Mr. Kwame Pianim of Ghana, Chief Executive Officer, New Word Investment Ltd. (Ghana). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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H.E. Mr. Poul Nielson, Minister for Development Cooperation, Denmark; H.E. Ms. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, former Pesident of Iceland; Mr. Kwame Pianim, Economist (Ghana) and Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University (United States), will brief the Committee on "The Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress: Denmark's contribution to the discussion on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Chairman of the Second Committee will chair the panel discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Copies of the revised text of the draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the session of the Commission acting as preparatory body for the high-level plenary review in the year 2000 (March 1999). Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Monday, 16 November 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations will hold an informal meeting on the theme "Increasing Access to the General Assembly and to All Areas of the Work of the United Nations: An Open Consultation" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Police Support Group (UNPSG) on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Michel Pelletier, Acting Director, Europe and Latin America Division, Department of Peackeeping Operations. Chief Supt. Halvor Hartz, outgoing Police Commissioner of the United Nations Police Support Group, will hold a briefing.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

The representatives of Algeria, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, the Republic of Korea and South Africa made statements on matters of procedure.

The First Committee took action on draft resolutions.

The last three words of operative paragraph 3, "and South Asia", of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.37 were adopted by 118 votes to 2, with 21 abstentions. Operative paragraph 3 was adopted by 125 to 1, with 18 abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted as a whole by 129 to 4, with 14 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.47 was adopted by 87 to 40, with 15 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.33 was adopted by 124 to 0, with 19 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.30 was adopted without a vote.

Thursday, 5 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 24th meeting

The First Committee took action on draft resolutions.

Operative paragraph 4 (b) of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.43 was adopted by 100 to 0, with 11 abstentions. Operative paragraph 6 was adopted by 102 to 0, with 12 abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted as a whole 112 to 0, with 12 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.8 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.18 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.25 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.29 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.15 was adopted by 77 to 43, with 16 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.17/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.26 was adopted by 138 to 0, with 4 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.27 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.32/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

Operative paragraph 3 of A/C.1/53/L.44/Rev.1 was adopted by 144 to 0, with no abstentions. Operative paragraph 4 was adopted by 143 to 0, with no abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted as a whole by 134 to 0, with 7 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.40 was adopted by 140 to 0, with 5 abstentions.

THIRD COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1

The representative of Uruguay, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Algeria, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, China, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Guinea Bissau, Iceland, Indonesia, Namibia, Nigeria, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Moldova, Turkey and Uzbekistan, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Malta joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1

The representative of Slovenia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as New Zealand, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Mongolia, Pakistan and the Republic of Moldova joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.24

The representative of Indonesia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Finland, France, Japan, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Subsequently, Italy and Mali joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.25

The representative of Indonesia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Belgium, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.21

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Tunisia, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.22

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Sweden, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.23

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cyprus, Madagascar, Malta, the United States and Venezuela, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items (b), (c) and (e) and heard an introductory statement under sub-item (b) by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Pakistan, Egypt, Jordan, Eritrea, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Food Programme and UNESCO.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.15

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, the Central African Republic, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Liechtenstein, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.19

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Armenia, Botswana, Colombia, Croatia, Guyana, Panama, Peru, the Philippines and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.20

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Colombia, Panama and Peru joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommended to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/53/282.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.16

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Thailand joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.17

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution.

India joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 93 to 17, with 28 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Austria made a statement on behalf of the European Union.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda.

Friday, 6 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3940th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Letter dated 3 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1028)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Guinea-Bissau, at his request, to participate in the discussion in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/31).

3941st meeting

The situation in Croatia

Final report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Police Support Group (S/1998/1004)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Croatia, at his request, to participate in the discussion in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/32).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 25th meeting

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.21/Rev.2.

The First Committee took action on draft resolutions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.2 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.36 was adopted by 78 to 0, with 48 abstentions.

Preambular paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13/Rev.1 was adopted by 127 to 0, with 11 abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted as a whole by 136 to 0, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.20/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.7/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

SECOND COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.26

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

A statement was made by the representative of India.

The representative of Indonesia subsequently corrected the text.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(a) Implementation of the follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.25

The representative of Indonesia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. A statement was made by the representative of India.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Uganda and Jamaica.

THIRD COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e) and heard a presentation by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia and the United States made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Representative.

The Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Maurice Copithorne, made a presentation.

The representatives of Norway, the United States and Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Representative.

The Deputy to the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a presentation on behalf of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan.

The Committee then continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, Albania, Norway, Japan, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Iceland), Uganda, Mexico and Indonesia.

Rights of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.26**

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Liechtenstein, Suriname and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced the draft resolution.

38th meeting

The Committee continued it consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e), and heard statements by the representatives of Guatemala, Lithuania, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Turkey, the Sudan, Yemen, Rwanda, Venezuela, Tunisia and Afghanistan.

The observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta also made a statement.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Iraq, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malaysia, Singapore, Eritrea, Rwanda and Uganda.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/101 and A/C.5/53/5)

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mrs. Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica) as member of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the four candidatures of the Asian States to fill the three vacancies of that region and the four candidatures of the Western European and Other States to fill the two vacancies of that region.

The representative of Malawi spoke on a point of order.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Asian States:

Mr. Fumiaka Toya (Japan)	143 votes
Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan)	127 votes
Mr. Rajat Saha (India)	113 votes
Mr. Tang Guangting (China)	105 votes

Western European and Other States:

Mr. Nicholas Thorne (United Kingdom)	105 votes
Mr. Klaus Dieter Stein (Germany)	92 votes
Mr. Luigi Valenza (Italy)	92 votes
Ms. Susan Shearouse (United States)	55 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Fumiaka Toya (Japan), Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), Mr. Rajat Saha (India) and Mr. Nicholas Thorne (United Kingdom) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

In accordance with Rule 94 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, for the remaining vacancy allocated to the Group of Western European and Other States.

The result of the secret ballot was as follows:

Mr. Luigi Valenza (Italy)	105 votes
Mr. Klaus Dieter Stein (Germany)	67 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Luigi Valenza (Italy) as member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/53/102 and A/C.5/53/6)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Paul Ekorong A. Ndong (Cameroon), Mr. Henry Hanson-Hall (Ghana), Mr. Pieter J. Bierma (Netherlands) and Mr. Neil Francis (Australia) as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Committee also decided, by acclamation and without prejudice to rule 159 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint as members of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. Sergio Chaparro Ruiz (Chile) to serve for a two-year term of office from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000, Mr. Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina) for a two-year term of office from 1 January to 31 December 1999 and from 1 January to 31 December 2001 and Mr. Bernardo Greiver from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/53/103 and A/C.5/53/7)

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidatures to fill the one seat on the Board of Auditors.

Points of order were raised by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Pakistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Morocco and Uganda.

The Chairman responded to questions posed.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines	117 votes
Auditor-General of Pakistan	33 votes
Comptroller and Auditor-General of India	26 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines to the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/53/104 and A/C.5/53/8)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment of Mr. Yves Oltramare (Switzerland), Mr. E. N. Omaboe (Ghana) and Mr. Jurgen Reimnitz (Germany) for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/53/105 and A/C.5/53/9)

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidatures to fill the two seats on the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland)	133 votes
Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford (United States)	110 votes
Mrs. Anna M. J. Magezi (Uganda)	91 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland) and Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford (United States) as members of the Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

(f) International Civil Service Commission

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission (A/53/106 and A/C.5/53/10)

The representative of Mauritania spoke on a point of information.

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia), Mrs. Turkia Daddah (Mauritania), Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland), Mr. Carlos S. Vegega (Argentina) and Mr. Wolfgang Stockl (Germany) as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

(ii) Designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission (A/C.5/53/10/Add.1)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia) as Chairman and Mr. Carlos S. Vegega as Vice-Chairman of the Commission beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 17 (a) to (f).

21st meeting

United Nations common system [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, Ukraine, the Republic of Korea, Morocco, Bangladesh, China and Uganda.

United Nations pension system [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Uganda.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 1998

1728th meeting

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee and referred to the relevant developments in the General Assembly.

The Committee also considered communications under the Optional Protocol in closed session.

The Chairman declared the sixty-fourth session of the Committee closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Oman
H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Emilio Izquierdo
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and Other States:
Australia
H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	3942nd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/1998/862)

Briefing by Ms. Elizabeth Rehn, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of the United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Tajikistan (S/1998/1029)

Briefing by M. Ján Kubiš, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Tajikistan

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 54th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/556) [3].

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolution (A/53/L.24) [12].

3. Culture of peace [31]:

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (A/53/370 and Add.1 and 2);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.25).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11.30 a.m. 36th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (a) Trade and Development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer o resources between developing and developed countrie

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.28

2. Sustainable development and international economi cooperation [93]

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nation Conference on Human settlements (Habitat II)

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.31

   (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of th International Conference on Population and Developme

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.33

3. Environment and sustainable development [94]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.11 and Corr.1 a A/C.2/53/L.30

   (d) Convention on Biological Diversity

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.29

4. Operational activities for development [95]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.9

5. Training and research [96]

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.32

6. Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.27

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.18

7. Programme planning [114] (A/53/16, A/53/6, Programmes 18, 20 and 28, A/C.2/53/5)

8. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/53/3, A/53/173-E/1998/87, A/53/406)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/53/3, A/53/173-E/1998/87, A/53/406)

Conclusion of the general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.20 (Globalization and interdependence (item 91))

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.25 (Commitments undertaken at UNCED and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly (item 94 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.27 (United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (item 98); A/C.2/53/L.29 (Convention on Biological Diversity (item 94 (d))

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489, A/53/493, A/53/494-S/1998/949, A/53/497-S/1998/951, A/53/557, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9, A/C.3/53/12, A/C.3/53/13)

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322 and Add.1, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423 and Corr.1, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539, A/53/563, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [120] (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4 and A/C.5/53/27)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. United Nations pension system [121] (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/1[illegible], A/C.5/53/3 and A/53/511)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464, A/53/428)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4 and A/C.5/53/27))

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/339 and Add.1, A/52/575, A/52/776, A/52/777, A/52/821, A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467))

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the assessment of the work of the Fifth Committee

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* Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 4

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [156]

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal Consultations on agenda item 150 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

Documents A/52/141, A/53/332 and Add.1, A/C.6/53/L.5

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* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Is there a Third Way: States and Markets in Socio-economic Development" will be held *today*, 10 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Chairman of the Second Committee will act as the moderator. The panellists are Professor Anthony Giddens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Chief Adviser to H.E. Mr. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, intellectual architect of the "Third Way" concept; Mr. Jacques Baudot of France, member of the Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress; Professor Linda Lim of Singapore, Professor of Economics at the School of Business of Michigan University; and Mr. Kwame Pianim of Ghana, Chief Executive Officer, New Word Investment Ltd. (Ghana). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organiza-tions and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 10 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in *Conference Room 7*.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 10 November 1998

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the African Group of the First Committee.

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 12: International Year on Eco-tourism)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 95: Triennial policy review)

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordination meeting on all relevant issues of the Second Committee)

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will a meeting of co-sponsors of the Third Committee draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (agenda item 110 (c)) *today*, 10 November 1998, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will a meeting of co-sponsors of the Third Committee omnibus draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (agenda item 110 (c)) *today,* 10 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Police Support Group (UNPSG) *today*, 10 November 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Michel Pelletier, Acting Director, Europe and Latin America Division, Department of Peacekeeping Opera-tions. Chief Supt. Halvor Hartz, outgoing Police Commissioner of the United Nations Police Support Group, will hold a briefing.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
11 a.m.	38th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 4
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

H.E. Mr. Poul Nielson, Minister for Development Cooperation, Denmark; H.E. Ms. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, former President of Iceland; Mr. Kwame Pianim, Economist (Ghana) and Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University (United States), will brief the Committee on "The Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress: Denmark's contribution to the discussion on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Chairman of the Second Committee will chair the panel discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Copies of the revised text of the draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

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The 241st meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Thursday, 12 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The 195th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The provisional agenda for the meeting will include the following items: (a) Security of missions and the safety of their personnel; (b) Other matters. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of other special items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to its Secretary (room S-3420D; fax: 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the session of the Commission acting as preparatory body for the high-level plenary review in the year 2000 (March 1999). Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Monday, 16 November 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Fourth Committee *(on information)* on Wednesday, 11 November 1998 at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on a brainstorming session on desertification)* on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8 and 7, respectively.

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Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations will hold an informal meeting on the theme "Increasing Access to the General Assembly and to All Areas of the Work of the United Nations: An Open Consultation" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Development and Human Rights: A View from the World Bank", in response to the Third Committee's debate on agenda item 110 (Human rights questions), with particular focus on the right to development, by Mr. Louis, Legal Adviser on Institutional Affairs (World Bank). The presentation, organized by the World Bank, will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 9 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 26th meeting

The representative of Cameroon introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.4/Rev.1.

The representative of South Africa introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.50/Rev.1.

The representatives of Canada, Chile, India, Mongolia, Nepal and Pakistan made statements on matters of procedure.

The Committee took action on the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.3* was adopted without a vote.

Preambular paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.21/Rev.2 was adopted by 141 to 2, with 2 abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted as a whole by 134 to 2, with 10 abstentions.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 17th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83]

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) introduced his report (A/53/13).

The representative of Norway, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/53/569).

The general debate began with statements by the representatives of Jordan, Bangladesh, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, Austria (also on behalf of the European Union, Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia) and the associated country, Cyprus), Ghana, Malaysia and Norway.

Statements were made by the observers for Palestine and the Holy See.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representative of Egypt as well as by the Secretary of the Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE 39th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Finland, Israel, Costa Rica and Angola.

The representative of the United Nations Population Fund made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Food Programme.

Organization of work

The Committee decided that any delegations wishing to submit views or comments on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, referred to in document A/C.3/53/10, would do so in writing to the Secretary of the Committee for transmission to the Fifth Committee, before 6 p.m., Wednesday, 11 November.

Delegations were reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under sub-items (b), (c) and (e) was extended to Wednesday, 11 November, at 6 p.m.

Delegations were informed that action on outstanding draft proposals would be taken on Friday, 13 November, in the afternoon, as follows: under agenda item 106: A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1; under agenda item 108: A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1, A/C.3/53/L.24 and L.25; under agenda item 110 (a): A/C.3/53/L.21, L.22 and L.23; and that on Monday, 16 November, action would be taken on A/C.3/53/L.26, under agenda item 109.

40th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e), and heard statements by the representatives of Algeria, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States, Latvia, Myanmar, Nigeria and the Republic of Korea.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

A statement was also made by the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Right of reply

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Lebanon, Iraq and Burundi in the exercise of the right of reply.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Human resources management [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management made a statement and introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502, A/53/526, A/53/548 and A/C.5/53/L.3).

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Israel, Norway and Japan.

The President of the New York Staff Union and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations also made statements.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would close on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 1 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Corrigenda to the summary of the 20th meeting of the Fifth Committee (see *Journal* No. 1998/215, p. 13):

(a) Under item 17 (a), the name of the candidate from Japan should read as follows: Mr. Fumiaki Toya;

(b) Under agenda item 17(b), the country of Mr. Bernardo Greiver is Uruguay.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [148]

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Group of Rio), Japan, China, France, Italy, the United States, Belgium, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, Guatemala, Greece, Bangladesh, Cuba, and the Czech Republic.

The Chairman also spoke.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 1998

345th meeting

Opening of the session

The twenty-first session of the Committee was declared open by its Chairman.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda (CAT/C/46).

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee considered the item.

Information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

Organizational matters related to individual communications received under article 22 [6]

The Committee considered these items in closed session.

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